

DNC with generating the Oneida contribution. Oneida Legislative Director Gollnick confirmed that Thomann was responsible for the tribe's increasing contributions.

At the time of the Democratic convention, Stetson also solicited the Oneida in writing for an increase in its participation to the managing trustee level. The tribe responded with a further \$50,000 contribution on Aug. 19, 1996,⁵⁹⁵ bringing its DNC contributions to \$103,000 since September 1995. Before the end of the year, the tribe contributed an additional \$2,000 in connection with a DNC Saxophone Club event in Washington.

St. Croix Chippewa

Like the Oneida, the St. Croix first contributed to the DNC on a large scale in the fall of 1995. As noted above in Section II.E.2.f., Kitto testified that he discussed specific fund-raising goals for the Indians with Mercer and others in spring 1995, but denied that such activities were dependent upon either the Hudson opponent tribes or the outcome of the Hudson casino application. In addition, Kitto acknowledged, with the same disclaimers, having advised St. Croix Chairman Taylor to increase his giving to the DNC in 1995 and 1996.⁵⁹⁶ The tribe's national Democratic giving during that time frame included the following:

⁵⁹⁴(...continued)
(non-Indian) leaders." Memorandum from Bill Gollnick to Kathy Hughes, March 26, 1996.

⁵⁹⁵Gollnick recalled that this contribution related to a birthday party celebration honoring President Clinton.

⁵⁹⁶Kitto's records reflect that in 1996 he provided expansive and explicit fund-raising advice to several of his tribal clients, including the St. Croix, Upper Sioux, Leech Lake and Prairie Island tribes, directed primarily at state and federal legislative elections. None of these records suggests the existence of any prior agreement to contribute relating to the Hudson casino matter.